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Trump seems OK with Putin denial

Coats, others maintain Russia meddled in elections

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WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump’s ambiguous relationship with National Intelligence Director Dan Coats played out on a global stage Monday when Trump appeared to accept Russian President Vladimir Putin’s denial of interfering in the 2016 U.S. elections over what Coats and others have said are undisputed facts.

That prompted some to say Coats should resign to protect his honor and the honor of the intelligence community.

Instead, Coats reiterated the intelligence communi-

ty’s view that Russia meddled in the election – and indicated he isn’t going anywhere.

“We will continue to provide unvarnished and objective intelligence in support of our national security,” Coats, a former senator from Indiana, said in a statement.

Then Trump tweeted that while he has “GREAT confidence in MY intelligence people,” he wants to “get along” with Russia instead of focusing on the past.

That tweet came before the “CBS Evening News” broadcast an interview with Trump in which he cast

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NCAA BASKETBALL

City to host 2026 Men’s Final Four

Return to Lucas Oil Stadium one of many tourneys coming to state

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The NCAA announced Monday that Indianapolis will host the 2026 Men’s Basketball Final Four at Lucas Oil Stadium. It will be the ninth time the city will host the event, including 2021, also at Lucas Oil. The 2026 event will take place April 4 and 6 and be hosted by the Horizon League and IUPUI.

The nine Men’s Final Fours in Indianapolis would be second only to the 10 hosted in Kansas City. Indianapolis hosted the Men’s Final Four in 1980 at Market Square Arena, 1991, ’97, 2000 and 2006 at the RCA Dome, and 2010 and ’15 at Lucas Oil Stadium. The NCAA also announced that Houston (2023), Phoenix (2024) and San Antonio (2025) will also host Final Fours.

“The state of Indiana is a place with deep roots in the basketball community, making it our privilege and honor to host the NCAA Men’s Basketball Final Four for the ninth time,” Indiana Sports Corp

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Fans mingle outside Lucas Oil Stadium before Michigan State takes on Duke during the 2015 NCAA Men’s Basketball Final Four. INDYSTAR FILE PHOTO

Indy-based USA Diving accused of ignoring sex abuse

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A class action lawsuit against Indianapolis-based USA Diving accuses the national governing body of ignoring or obstructing sexual abuse allegations, including at least one allegation made by a former Indiana University diver.

Attorney John Little, who filed the lawsuit, said in an interview with IndyStar that other divers have come forward and “this is just the beginning for USA Diving.”

He described the situation in USA Diving as “worse than gymnastics, worse than swimming.”

Will Bohonyi has been on USA Diving’s list of banned coaches since 2015 ...

Indy-based USA Gymnastics has been in turmoil since an IndyStar investigation that started in 2016.

A former Olympic swimmer sued USA Swimming in May, bringing renewed attention on sexual abuse in that sport.

The diving lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court last week, describes the now-familiar dynamic of a coach-athlete power imbalance leading to sexual abuse.

Divers accuse coach Bohonyi of forcing them into sex

Two former divers are named in the lawsuit accusing coach Will Bohonyi, a former Indiana University diver, of coercing and forcing them into frequent sex. IndyStar typically does not name alleged sexual assault victims.

A spokeswoman for USA Diving said in a statement Monday, “Providing a safe environment for our members is of tremendous importance to USA Diving, and we take these matters very seriously. USA Diving is un-

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